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Crude ambitions for pipeline

Kinder Morgan. Company's pipeline-expansion proposal increases to almost triple its current capacity

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Kinder Morgan Canada has increased the size of its proposed pipeline from Edmonton to Burnaby, but Vancouver city council is concerned about the plan that could boost tanker traffic by an additional 108 ships a year.

The company plans to increase pipeline capacity to 890,000 barrels per day from 750,000 barrels per day — almost triple the capacity of the Trans Mountain pipeline in operation since 1953, President Ian Anderson announced Thursday.

Extra capacity is needed to meet demand from Canadian oil companies concerned about their ability to access markets as the U.S. ramps up oil production, Anderson said at a news conference. Thirteen have signed long-term contracts with Kinder Morgan.

The oil will fill up to 34 tankers each month or 408 per year, up from 25 tankers each month or 300 per year proposed under the previous design, Anderson said.

He's confident that Kinder Morgan can build a project that will satisfy public worries, but he expects to face some of the same environmental concerns protesters continue to voice over Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline.

"One of the greatest challenges is to demonstrate and convince the public that tanker traffic through Port Metro Vancouver can continue to be done in a safe manner," he said.

It already looks like it will be tough to win over Vancouver's city council.

The announcement "heightens our serious concerns about the risks to our local economy and environment by a worst-case oil spill in or near our harbour," Mayor Gregor Robertson said in a statement Thursday.

The new proposal amounts to a "staggering seven-fold increase" in heavy oil tankers in Vancouver's busy harbour, Robertson said. "Any serious spill would jeopardize tens of thousands of jobs and could leave taxpayers and businesses on the hook for billions of dollars in cleanup costs and losses."

Kinder Morgan plans to file an application for the proposed expansion by late 2013. The company has existing relationships with those along the route and met with First Nations in Fraser Valley last week.

"While concerns may be raised, we also have growing support as well," Anderson said.

He also pointed out that the new $5.4-billion design — which features a 36-inch-diameter pipe, six inches wider than under the previous $4.1-billion plan — will require fewer pump stations and less energy to move the oil.

In operation by...

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If approved by the National Energy Board, Kinder Morgan hopes the pipeline will be operational by 2017.

Tankers and freighters float in English Bay on Thursday afternoon. Kinder Morgan Canada has increased the size of its proposed pipeline from Edmonton to Burnaby, but Vancouver city council is concerned about the plan that could boost tanker traffic by an additional 108 ships a year. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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The B.C. SPCA seized 45 miniature poodles — one deceased dog, 35 adults and nine puppies — from a Victoria man the society describes as a hoarder.
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45 mini poodles seized from 'hoarder'

BC SPCA. Dog 'hoarder' in Victoria had dogs taken away after failing to comply with SPCA order

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The B.C. SPCA has seized 45 miniature poodles from a dog "hoarder" in Victoria.

The miniature poodle-bichon frise cross dogs were taken from a Brentwood Bay home Wednesday after their owner failed to comply with the SPCA's orders to reduce the number of animals in his care.

One of the dogs was found dead, while the 35 adults and nine puppies were taken to the local SPCA. A number of the adult females are believed to be pregnant.

"His motivation wasn't really profit," SPCA spokeswoman Lorie Chortyk said Thursday. "He would occasionally sell one or two of the puppies. He would just let them breed and they just kept reproducing. He just wanted to keep these animals.

"His behaviour tended more into hoarding as opposed to breeding for profit," she added.

Chortyk said the SPCA has been working with the owner in the past, but the conditions during previous inspections weren't serious enough for the society to legally intervene.

The owner surrendered a few dogs to a local rescue group as instructed by the society, she added, but he was "resistant" in doing so.

"We got some new information that provided us with the evidence we needed to go in and actually get a search warrant, so when we went in the situation had escalated to the point that we were able to move the animals," Chortyk said.

The dogs will not be available for adoption until the legal custody of the animals is finalized.

Kimberly's Law. Family of murdered teen calls for reform

The family of a Victoria-area teenager lured to her death by two teen killers described by a judge as beyond rehabilitation is calling on the federal and British Columbia governments to reform the young-offender system.

Seven members of Kimberly Proctor's family, including her parents, grandparents and brother, said Thursday at a news conference they've sent letters to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Christy Clark outlining their reform proposals, which they call Kimberly's Law.

"We know that we can never get Kim back, but we hope that some good can come out of this," said Lucy Proctor, Kimberly's mother. "I don't wish this upon anybody."

Their proposals include identifying potentially violent students and allowing courts to order treatment for those identified as threats; publicly naming young offenders who plead guilty and ensuring those who are found guilty in adult court receive the same sentences as adults.

Cameron Moffatt, 18, and 17-year-old Kruse Wellwood pleaded guilty to charges of first-degree murder and committing indignity to human remains. The teens were sentenced as adults last April, receiving automatic life sentences, but because of their youth, are eligible for parole after 10 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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No extension. B.C. NDP want auditor general decision reconsidered

It appears the B.C. NDP won't be able to persuade the Liberal government to reconsider a decision not to extend the term of auditor general John Doyle.

Opposition caucus chair Shane Simpson had sent a formal request for review to Vernon Liberal MLA Eric Foster, who chaired the Liberal-dominated committee that decided not to reappoint Doyle.

Simpson said the decision has been met with a swift, negative reaction by people who believe Doyle's done a good job.

But Foster says it's not likely the committee will reconsider because there's no precedent for it unless some new information is brought forward.

Doyle has written several reports criticizing the government on spending issues, and has been spearheading a drive to uncover more information about a decision to pay $3 million in legal bills for two former government aides who pleaded guilty to corruption charges in the sale of BC Rail.

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The Liberal government has chosen not to extend auditor general John Doyle's term. HANDOUT

Not unanimous

Foster has said he's legally bound not to explain why Doyle's term was not extended, noting only that the five-member committee is required by legislation to make a unanimous decision and the vote on Doyle was not unanimous.

Wolf hunting. No limit in North Thompson area, limit of 3 in Okanagan

The B.C. government says there's no limit on the number of wolves hunters can kill in the North Thompson region.

Fish and wildlife manager Jeff Morgan says the no-limit policy starting in August is not a threat to the wolf population, given the terrain and how difficult it is to bag a wolf.

He says the region is mountainous with thick forest, so the risk of killing too many wolves is low.

Meanwhile, wolf hunting is being opened in the Okanagan for the first time in decades, but there's a limit of three each hunter can kill.

Government wildlife biologist Brian Harris says the number of wolf packs in the Okanagan has grown in the decades since the creatures were almost wiped out.

He says while hunters can apply for licences to shoot or trap up to three wolves, it's extremely difficult to shoot wolves, so he believes the harvest will be very low. CHNL/CKFR

Vancouver big-band leader Dal Richards serenades a crowd and dances with MLA Mary McNeil Thursday at Robson Square. Richards celebrated his 95th birthday and was named B.C.'s Hepcat Laureate by the provincial government. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Province trumpets musical treasure

B.C.'s Hepcat Laureate. Canada's 95-year-old King of Swing serenades Robson Square

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Legendary bandleader Dal Richards is living proof that age is nothing but a number.

The super senior celebrated his 95th birthday and added another title to his long list of honours as he was named B.C.'s "Hepcat Laureate."

"The older I get, the better it gets," Richards told a crowd gathered Thursday at the Robson Square ice rink. "Would you believe it? All these accolades? I sure do appreciate it and I sure do enjoy being here to receive it."

Minister of State for Seniors Ralph Sultan presented Richards his new title, thanking him for his seven decades of music and contribution to the community.

"He has set an example for all seniors in this province who aren't about ready to hide away in a care home somewhere, but would rather much prefer to remain active, contribute to society, and do what they've always done," Sultan said.

Richards is still working full-time and shows no signs of slowing down.

"We're going to be performing at the Panorama Roof of the Hotel Vancouver very soon, and I'm looking forward to that because the happiest 25 years of my life, from 1940 to 1965, were spent playing every night (there)," Richards told reporters.

Canada's King of Swing proved he still has the vocal chops and the moves. He serenaded the crowd with three songs and even danced with MLA Mary McNeil, who served as the event's emcee.

The Dal Richards Orchestra will be serving the sweet sound of band music Saturday at the Robson Square ice rink from 6 to 9 p.m.

Richards will also be performing with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra at the Orpheum Theatre Sunday.

Still swingin'

"He has set an example for all seniors in this province who aren't about ready to hide away in a care home somewhere." Minister of State for Seniors Ralph Sultan

Waldorf Hotel responds amid outcry

Upset. More than 5,600 have signed an online petition protesting the closure of the iconic hotel

The condo developer that bought the beloved Waldorf Hotel has no current plans to tear it down, but its response is too little, too late for the East Vancouver cultural hub.

"We have an open mind about the future of this site and we are studying all the options," Solterra Group CEO Gerry Nichele said in a statement 24 hours after the Waldorf's tiki bar, art gallery and nightclub operators announced they were forced to close due to the sale.

"At this point we certainly have no intention of demolishing the Waldorf Hotel. We want to work with the city to explore possible ways to retain and improve the hotel," Nichele said, adding that Solterra doesn't take possession for "a while." The current owner's lawyer said operations will continue without the tenants.

The Waldorf became the neighbourhood's cultural lifeblood after the tenants refurbished it in 2010.

But Solterra has refused to meet with them and put them on a week-to-week rent, untenable for a business that books artists months in advance, said Thomas Anselmi, director of bars and entertainment.

"As a development company, you would think they'd show a little respect for the community they're supposedly marketing their condos to, but they dismissed us out of hand," Anselmi said. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

The Waldorf Hotel has become an East Vancouver cultural hub. It will shut down on Jan. 20. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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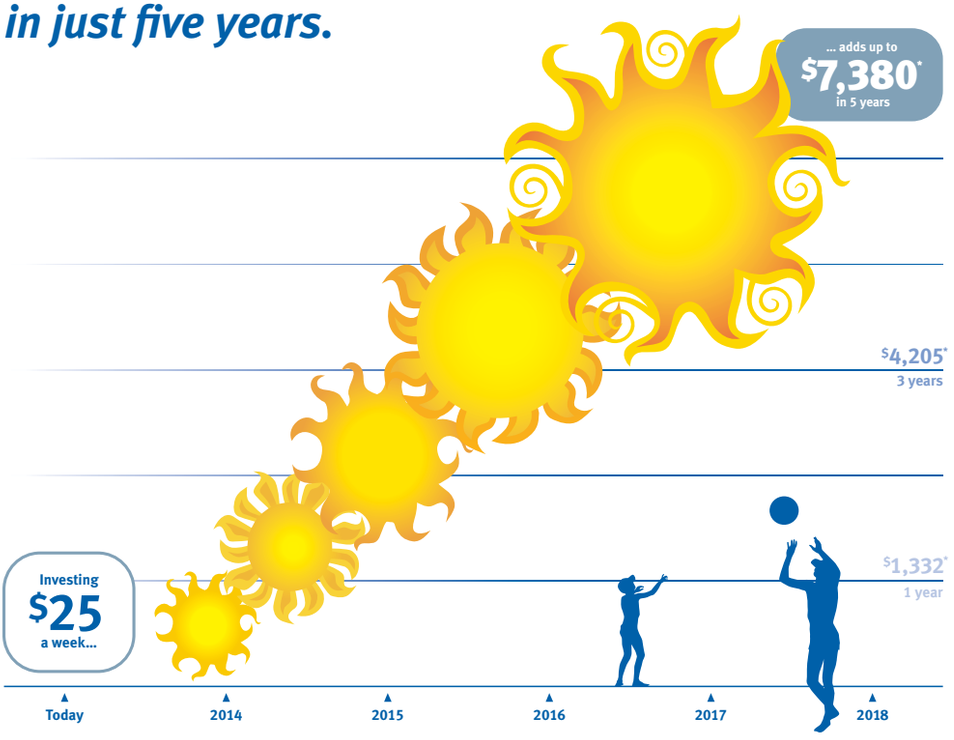

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Sad statistics

Kelowna tops country in drunk drivers

Statistics Canada has some disheartening news for Kelowna residents in the newest figures on drunk driving.

According to numbers from 2011, drinking-and-driving rates were higher in Kelowna and St. John's, N.L., than any other metropolitan area in Canada.

The numbers also show that police reported more than 90,000 impaired-driving cases across Canada in 2011, about 3,000 more than in 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Political move

B.C. Tory candidate jumps to Liberals

One of the people responsible for finding candidates for the B.C. Conservative party has jumped ship to join the B.C. Liberals.

Shannon Kewley was the former co-chair of the Conservatives candidate-recruitment committee and as late as last September she backed Conservative Leader John Cummins when he faced a challenge of his leadership.

But the Liberals say Kewley has abandoned the Tories because she feels they're no longer a credible alternative to the NDP. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defence. RCMP deny sex-assault allegations in lawsuit involving officer

A female Mountie who alleges she was sexually assaulted by a superior was actually having a consensual affair, the RCMP says in a statement of defence, pointing to an internal review that disciplined the British Columbia officer for making the allegations.

Const. Susan Gastaldo filed a lawsuit in August 2011, saying Staff Sgt. Travis Pearson sexually assaulted her and forced her to maintain a sexual relationship for several months in 2009.

The case was investigated by Vancouver police, which concluded the allegations were unfounded, and prompted an RCMP code-of-conduct review.

An RCMP review board eventually disciplined both Gastaldo and Pearson for what was characterized as a consensual relationship, but the board was especially critical of Gastaldo, accusing her of fabricating the assault allegations in an attempt to hide the truth from her husband.

The RCMP's statement of defence, filed earlier this week, details the results of the police investigation and the review board's findings, and says whatever happened between Gastaldo and Pearson occurred outside of their work and has nothing to do with the force. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the past

The RCMP has so far issued denials in sexual-abuse and harassment lawsuits against the force and its officers.

- The highest-profile case involves Cpl. Catherine Galliford, a former spokeswoman for the Air India and Robert Pickton cases. She filed a lawsuit last year alleging years of abuse by numerous officers.
- Const. Karen Katz has a lawsuit alleging a colleague harassed and sexually assaulted her, as well as a second lawsuit that alleges more widespread abuse spanning her entire career.

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Police looking for 'Scream'-mask robber

Abbotsford stickups. Police warn business owners to follow security protocols following two incidents

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The infamous Scream mask with a history as a horrifying Halloween prop was featured in two Abbotsford robberies last week.

A man wearing the mask from the slasher film demanded cash from a convenience store in the 3000 block of Immel Street in the early hours of Jan. 2, according to Abbotsford police spokesman Const. Ian MacDonald.

The man displayed what appeared to be a black handgun before he fled on foot.

Three days later, a man in the same mask carrying a black handgun and a black bag tried to rob a gas station in the 31000 block of Livingstone Avenue.

But the mask didn't scare the employee. There was an altercation between the two men before the masked robber fled. The employee wasn't injured.

Abbotsford police are investigating the incidents.

"Given the circumstances, there is a possibility that the suspect or group involved is the same," MacDonald said in a statement.

Police warned business owners to be diligent in following their security protocols and asked the public to report any suspicious people or vehicles.

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Court of Appeal. New civil trial for police-shooting death of mentally ill man

The B.C. Court of Appeal has ordered a new trial for a Vancouver Island police officer and municipality found civilly negligent in the shooting death of a 33-year-old man who was mentally ill.

Majencio Camaso hadn't been taking his medication when he grabbed a metal bar in July of 2004 and charged Saanich police Const. Kristopher Dukeshire in the parking lot of a local elementary school.

Dukeshire fired three shots, striking Camaso twice, and the father was later pronounced dead in hospital.

Camaso's widow and daughter sued Dukeshire and the District of Saanich, as well as several others, and in April 2011 the B.C. Supreme Court found the constable and municipality negligent, awarding damages of about $235,000.

But Dukeshire and the municipality appealed, and Appeal Court Justice Richard Low has now ruled the trial judge made mistakes assessing the evidence and has ordered a new trial instead of dismissing the lawsuit.

No date has been set for a new trial, which Low says will be limited to the claims of negligence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Abbotsford resident

Man who died after traffic stop in Surrey identified by coroner

A man who died after being stopped by the RCMP in Surrey has been identified as a 42-year-old Abbotsford resident.

The BC Coroner's Service says Prashant Jasuja was found in medical distress behind the wheel of his vehicle during the traffic stop on Dec. 21.

He was taken to hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

The coroner's service continues to investigate the death.

Because the death involved the RCMP, the Independent Investigations Office is also investigating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Under investigation

Two killed in separate winter accidents

A snowmobiler and a snowboarder have been killed in separate accidents around B.C.

Valemount RCMP say an unnamed snowmobiler was found unconscious under his overturned machine along Highway 5 near that east-central B.C. community early Wednesday.

And 22-year-old Winnipeg resident Nickolas Voyer-Taylor was pulled unconscious and hypothermic from a creek on Big White — but the seasonal worker at the ski resort could not be revived and died a short time later.

Both deaths remain under investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CKFR/CKIZ

Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, speaks at a news conference Thursday. "Governments need to understand that our resolve is absolute," he said earlier in the day. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombshell split may derail date with Harper

Landmark 'summit.'
Historic meeting with PM in jeopardy as chiefs rebel

The plans for Stephen Harper's high-stakes meeting with First Nations leaders on Friday are awash in confusion.

Large swaths of First Nations leaders denounced the process Thursday night.

Instead, they declared they will only meet Harper on their own turf, on their own terms.

And that declaration has largely isolated Shawn Atleo, the head of Canada's largest aboriginal group.

It also amounts to a clear rejection of the prime minister's authority. "The door's open. We expect the (prime) minister to come here and meet with us," said Murray Clearsky, southern Manitoba's grand chief.

One region after another declared it was supporting Attawapiskat chief Theresa Spence in her call to refuse a meeting with Harper unless Gov. Gen David Johnston was at his side.

Johnston has agreed to a request from Harper to host a ceremonial meeting with First Nations leaders at Rideau Hall on Friday.

But it remains unclear whether the concession will be enough to salvage a process that was meant to bring an end to grassroots demonstrations and blockades.

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Hudson Bay fears

Trapped whales safe ... or are they?

A Quebec town is cautiously celebrating after a dozen killer whales trapped by sea ice appear to have reached safety amid the shifting floes of Hudson Bay.

Locals in Inukjuak say two hunters reported Thursday that the waters had opened up around a single breathing hole in the ice where the orcas had frantically bobbed for air.

Killer whales surface through a small hole in the ice this week in northern Quebec. THE CANADIAN PRESS

But fears remained that water currents and ever-moving ice in the massive bay may have boxed the animals in somewhere else.

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Pregnant teen safe after Amber Alert, police say

Saskatchewan RCMP say a missing, pregnant teenager who was the subject of an Amber Alert is safe.

RCMP said Thursday evening the girl and her 16-year-old boyfriend were brought by members of his family to a detachment in Swift Current, Sask., without incident.

The 14-year-old girl is eight-months pregnant.

The Mounties said the alert was originally issued because of allegations the girl was forcibly taken from her family's home in Maple Creek, Sask., on Wednesday night. But the boy's mother says it was all a misunderstanding.

The Youth Criminal Justice Act bans identification of a youth suspect.

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Still overcoming trauma at sea

Costa Concordia. Survivor gets a harsh lesson: You can't just love the sea, you must fear and respect it

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Peter Grajda has always been a ship enthusiast. That's why, only four months after he survived the Costa Concordia disaster in Italy on Jan. 13, 2012, he set sail again.

"It wasn't a good experience," the Toronto resident said of his spring voyage. "It was an eight-night cruise, and I slept only two nights — and then only because we had reached Bermuda. The ship was there overnight and I knew the ship was not in the sea."

Grajda had always loved cruising. He used to feel safe in a large boat and felt comforted by the life jackets, the lifeboats and the feeling that nothing could ever really go wrong.

That changed. "Each sound, each movement — like if the ship would move a little bit, or some noise — and right away I was alarmed that something might go wrong," he said.

When the Costa Concordia capsized, Grajda was in his cabin, having boarded the ship earlier that day.

"We were leaving the city of Civitavecchia, and everybody was very excited.... Just three and a half hours later, everybody was running for their lives.... It was chaos and it was terrible," he said.

Grajda talked the experience over with a friend who is a seasoned sea captain.

"He told me about the fear: that everyone who is related to the sea has to experience some fear. As long as he's aware of the power and the force of the sea and how damaging it can be — from that comes the respect of the sea," Grajda said. "It's very hard ... but you have to learn to live with this fear somehow."

That's why Grajda tried again. In November, he went on another cruise. It went better. He's learning to live with his fear, respect the sea as a force of nature and embrace his passion for cruises.

"With time it's healing, this trauma. But slowly," he said.

One thing that hasn't changed since the days that followed the disaster is his disdain for the Concordia's captain, Francesco Schettino.

"Thirty-two souls gone. A half-billion-dollar ship destroyed," Grajda said. "This man, I think he has a serial kind of ego problem, a psychological problem, because it's unbelievable."

Schettino, who is facing many charges, including manslaughter and abandoning ship, told an investigating judge he left the sinking ship because he had accidentally fallen into the lifeboat that took him to safety and couldn't get out.

Sudden horror

"It was beautiful weather, the beginning of a voyage.... Just three and a half hours later, everybody was running for their lives to find space in the lifeboats."
Peter Grajda, survivor

Peter Grajda took this shot as the Costa Concordia went down. He said three life boats got stuck while being lowered, and passengers were forced to jump back to the sinking ship. They were the last free boats. PETER GRAJDA/CONTRIBUTED

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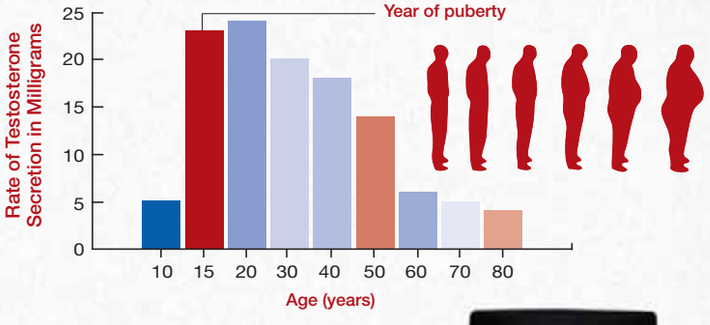

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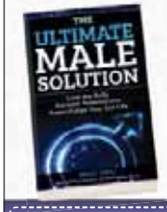

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Samsung shows smartphone with bendable screen

Gadget show. Phone has matchbox-sized hard enclosure with a paper-thin, flexible colour screen attached

Eric Rudder, chief technical strategy officer of Microsoft, holds a prototype Windows smartphone with a flexible OLED display at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Wednesday. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By showing off a phone with a flexible screen, Samsung Electronics Co. is hinting at a day when we might fold up our large phone or tablet screens as if they were maps.

The Korean electronics company provided a glimpse of such a device at a keynote speech Wednesday at the International CES gadget show in Las Vegas.

The phone's screen doesn't appear flexible enough to fold in half like a piece of paper, but it could bend into a tube.

The company also showed a video of a future concept, with a phone-sized device that opens up like a book, revealing a tablet-sized screen inside.

The screen uses organic light-emitting diodes, or OLEDs. Only a thin layer of these chemicals is needed to produce a bright, colorful screen. They're used in many Samsung phones already, though with glass screens. For the bendable phone, Samsung laid the chemicals over thin plastic instead of glass. That's a trick you can't pull off with liquid crystals in standard displays. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Indonesia

Cigarette laws tightened

Indonesia has issued regulations that will require cigarette packets to bear graphic photographic warnings, a long-delayed measure in a country with one of the highest rates of smoking in the world. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea

Google's Schmidt sounds warning

Google executive chairman Eric Schmidt, returning from a trip to North Korea, said Thursday it's up to North Korea to allow its citizens to use the Internet or risk remaining way behind other countries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE LIST
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1 Texas Chainsaw 3D. The latest version of this cult classic stunned studio execs by finishing No. 1 at the box office, nudging out Quentin Tarantino's Oscar-nominated western Django Unchained and The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. Chainsaw doesn't signal the end of pop culture but rather the beginning of more campy, crappy horror flicks.

2 Leafs fan in space. Astronaut Chris Hadfield was smacked down after tweeting a picture of himself holding a Toronto Maple Leafs plaque from the International Space Station. I mean, what planet is Hadfield on cheering for them? And speaking of which, what planet are the Leafs on firing their GM Brian Burke a week before the season starts?

3 iHeartRadio. The free digital radio service has a new iPhone update allowing users to create custom stations based on their moods and activities, with genres such as Skinny Jeans: Boys with Guitars. Now iHeartRadio will know right away if this boy is in a Motorhead or Air Supply mood.

4 Outhouse reward. A man got national attention after posting an ad on Kijiji offering a $500 reward after thieves took a large, brand new outhouse he had just constructed on his farm near Edmonton. If I were this guy, I'd raise a stink, too.

5 Models. The Canadian fashion industry was thrown for a loop this week when Ford Models made the shocking decision to pull out of Canada, saying it's closing its T.O. offices by the end of the month. This explains why forlorn models were seen walking the streets with catwalks tucked under their arms.

6 @kobebryant. His Laker team is having a miserable season, but at least Kobe Bryant now has Twitter to fall back on. "The antisocial has become social," tweeted @kobebryant to get the ball rolling. Kobe already has more than 700,000 followers, but he has a ways to go to catch NBA Twitter King LeBron James, who has nearly 6.9 million followers.

7 The Bachelor. This show about fame — and oh, yeah, love — kicked off its 17th season this week on ABC. Among the suitors for Sean Lowe was the drunk, creepy 50 Shades of Grey-obsessed Ashley P., who wanted to tie him up. Shockingly, she will not be getting a proposal. She was totally elimidated.

8 Kate's 31st. This is the year of Kate ... again. 2011 was her Royal Wedding, 2012 was her pregnancy announcement, and this year Royal Watchers will be waiting to see if it's a boy or girl, and the chosen name. For now, it's her 31st birthday week (Jan. 9). Last year, she got a puppy from Will. I recommend a Bugaboo baby stroller this year.

9 Bowie. The world showed some modern love for David Bowie this week when, under no pressure, he released a new single, Where Are We Now?, on his 66th birthday — and announced his first album in 10 years, The Next Day, will be coming out in March. Let's Dance to that.

10 Oprah. Lance Armstrong talks to Oprah next week in his first no-holds-barred interview since the doping scandal. Might it be he admits his guilt? The interview airs Jan. 17 on Oprah's Next Chapter and will be streamed live worldwide on Oprah.com. Must-watch TV drama on your stationary bike.

11 R.A. Dickey. Toronto got to meet their new ace/knuckleballer this week, and fell in love. Dickey is perhaps the most articulate, intelligent athlete to come to town ever. Not to mention he has the best Twitter bio ever: "Father, Husband, Christian, Pitcher, Author, Adventurer, Star Wars Nerd, Reader, Ninja in Training & Cyclist."

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He's really got a hold on Toronto: R.A. Dickey shows his knuckleball grip on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

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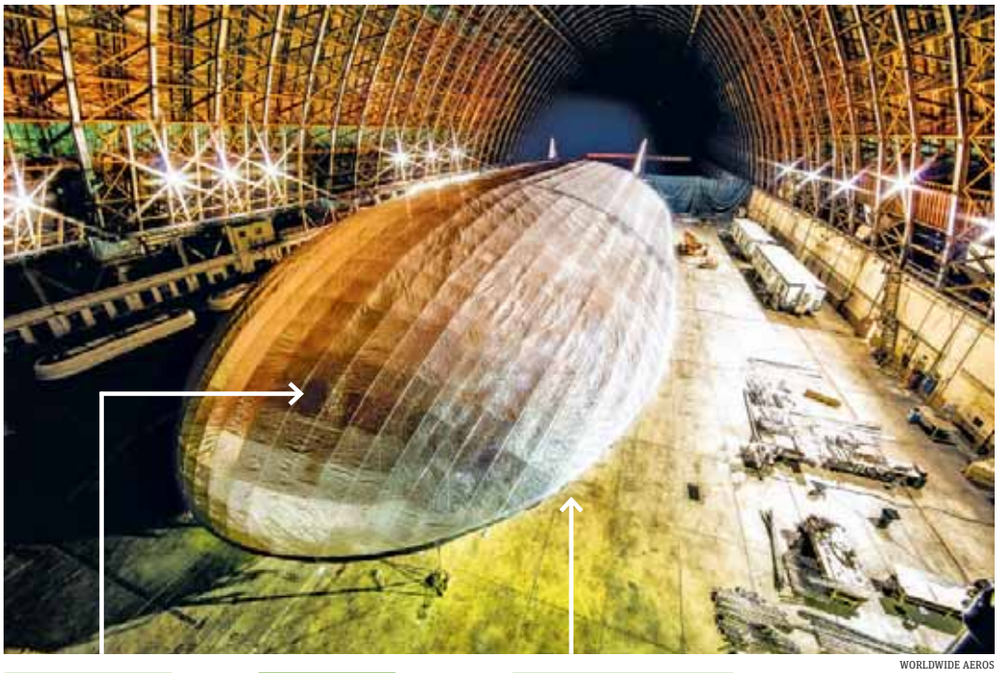

WORLDWIDE AEROS

Future of air travel

Revolutionary airship revealed

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a "super-blimp"! The 79-metre Aeroscraft has been hailed as a revolutionary airship that aims to provide a new way of moving heavy and oversized cargo, especially to areas with limited or no infrastructure. California-based Aeros had recently completed construction of the airship prototype.

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Airship features

- **Payload.** The craft is pegged to carry cargo of up to 66 tons — equivalent to the weight of about a dozen elephants.
- **Investment.** NASA and the U.S. Pentagon invested $35 million in the project.
- **Future demos.** Aeros is contractually obligated to show its airship's abilities, including vertical takeoff. It hopes to roll out its first flights in three years' time.

Technological innovation

Makers buoyed by breakthrough

In the past, airships have had buoyancy problems because they needed to be weighed down or tied to the ground to keep them from being carried away by the wind while cargo is unloaded. Aeros claims its Aeroscraft is "the world's first rigid variable-buoyancy air vehicle," with an ability to compress and release helium in its balloon to retain buoyancy for unloading.

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Ship on a mission: Its makers believe Aeroscraft's rigid structure and landing capabilities could also see its airship used for humanitarian and military operations. WORLDWIDE AEROS

Engineer's viewpoint

"This is truly the beginning of a vertical global transportation solution for perhaps the next 100 years."
Aeros CEO and chief engineer Igor Pasternak

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SCENE 2

Zero Dark Thirty is getting early positive reviews with its heart-pumping-action-filled narrative. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Find them and kill them

Morality tale. The Reel Guys agree that Zero Dark Thirty is a well-made film but differ when it comes to who enjoyed it

Richard: Mark, this isn't a who dunnit, or why dunnit, but a how dunnit. It's a detailed look at the step-by-step process that resulted in locating and exterminating bin Laden. The story begins before President Obama's famous, "We don't torture," speech, so it presents the uncomfortable, controversial truth that pitiless persuasion like sleep deprivation, boxing and waterboarding — so simple, yet so brutally, terrifyingly effective — was used to gain information. The torture scenes have been very much in the news, what did you think of them?

Mark: Revenge — I mean justice — isn't always pretty. But it does show that you can negotiate with terrorists. The torture scenes set up the moral queasiness that runs through the whole movie.

As the C.I.A. honcho says, "Get me some names so I can kill them!"

And no one is safe in the final raid on the bin Laden compound, not even the innocent. Did I like the picture? I can only muster two cheers here. It's authentic and gritty, but much of it is a plodding procedural with only intermittent action. Richard, I think we'll agree it's a good movie, but did you enjoy watching it?

RC: I did. I thought it was a nuanced, suspenseful and terrifically exciting look at recent history. We know how the movie is going to end, so the trick is to keep us engaged through to the climax, which, for me, the movie does. Having said that, there is frequent overwriting — like the inevitable "then I'm gonna kill bin Laden" moment — which seems too easy for a movie this clever, but, for me, Kathryn Bigelow's virtuosic handling of the climatic raid scene overpowers the film's weaker moments.

MB: This is an anti-heroic view of the events, which took a lot of guts on the filmmakers' parts. There's certainly no one to "root for," especially after the torture scenes. Jessica Chastain's character is devoid of any personal life; she is her job. So is everyone else. The military has never looked so unappealing. It's a grim and ugly job, and there's a lot of truth in that point of view, but I found myself resisting the movie in many places. A lot of critics think this is the best film of the year. Richard?

RC: I'd agree with that. It is grim, but so is the story it chooses to tell. It's also heart-thumpingly exciting and well made.

MB: Well-made indeed. But in the end, I respected it more than enjoyed it.

Synopsis

The film begins on 9/11 with audio of calls coming from the Twin Towers. Stage set, the movie leaps forward two years to the brutal waterboarding and torture of an Osama bin Laden relative by Dan (Jason Clarke), a C.I.A. expert in extracting information. Overseeing the enhanced interrogation techniques is Maya (Jessica Chastain), a newly recruited officer charged with helping to track down terrorist leader bin Laden and dismantle al-Qaeda. This is her story, a carefully plotted espionage tale that flows from the clues that lead to the death of bin Laden at the hands of the Navy S.E.A.L. Team 6 in May, 2011.

Star ratings:

- Richard: ●●●●○
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Drama/Action

The Impossible

Director. J.A. Bayona

Stars. Ewan McGregor, Naomi Watts

After a tsunami wipes out their Thai resort, an English family are separated from one another with Maria (Watts) and her oldest son left wondering if her husband Henry (McGregor) and their two youngest sons are still alive. Based on a true story, director J.A. Bayona (the Orphanage) creates some of the year's most viscerally thrilling scenes during the initial tidal wave and its immediate aftermath. But the film peaks early and the ensuing search and flip-flopping points-of-view prove anti-climactic.

IAN GORMELY

Drama/Crime

Gangster Squad

Director. Ruben Fleischer

Stars. Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone

This movie will suffer from comparisons to The Untouchables and LA Confidential. It grabs the atmosphere of post war L.A. from the latter and the storyline — about an undercover team of police led by Sgt. O'Mara (Josh Brolin) who bring ruthless mobster Mickey Cohen to justice — almost beat for beat, from the former. But this is a far more blunt object than either of its forbearers. It's a period piece that spends a bit too much time exploring the down-and-dirty side of the story, but is a stylish look at a fascinating time.

RICHARD CROUSE

For the love of Lincoln

Academy Award nominations. Steven Spielberg's epic historical film tops the list with the most nods at 12, while Zero Dark Thirty gets only five

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

It looks like it's Spielberg's race to lose at this year's Academy Awards, as his Lincoln pulled in 12 nominations — the most of any film nominated this year — including best adapted screenplay, best actor, best supporting actress, best director and best picture. If Oscar history is any indication, odds are the best director and best picture winners will align, so despite nine films being nominated this year, the real race is between Amour, Beasts of the Southern Wild, Life of Pi, Lincoln and Silver Linings Playbook, and our money is on Spielberg's historical drama.

The nominations of course signal shifting into the most intense section of awards season, something not all the nominees are necessarily thrilled about. "It's obviously exciting, it's like getting a promotion at work," best supporting actress nominee Jennifer Lawrence told Metro on the eve of the Oscar nominations, adding that her parents were staying with her and planned to have her up at 4:30 a.m. "I just get anxiety over parties, and that's what that means, essentially, to me."

Biggest winners

Lincoln is the clear winner nomination-wise, with Ang Lee's Life of Pi close behind at 11 nods, while Beasts of the Southern Wild, which nabbed four high-profile nominations, and Amour, with five, had their profiles raised considerably. And the Academy's love for David O. Russell is clear. Much like with his last film, the Fighter, his Silver Linings Playbook earned spots for best picture, best director, best adapted screenplay and every single acting category.

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Daniel Day-Lewis received a best actor nomination on Thursday. HANDOUT

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No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Remembrance of Things to Come Monday (STC) Mon
Twelve Monkeys (STC) Fri 8:40 Sat 6:30

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

Amour (PG) A.M. Sun 9
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-7-10:15

Ridge Theatre 3131 Arbutus Street

Les Misérables (PG) Fri 3:45-7-10:15 Sat 12:30-3:45-7-10:15 Sun 1-4:15-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:30

Rio on Broadway 1660 E. Broadway

Django Unchained (14A) Fri 6:45-10 Sat-Sun 3:15-6:45-10 Mon-Wed 6:45-10
No Films Showing Today (STC) Thu

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver 900 Burrard St.

Django Unchained (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-3:40-7:20-10:10-10:50 Mon 2:30-3:20-6:55-9:55-10:25 Tue 12:10-3:10-3:40-7:20-10:10-10:50 Wed-Thu 2:30-3:20-6:55-9:55-10:25
Gangster Squad (14A) Fri 12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:55 Sat 10:50-12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:55 Sun 11:30-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:50 Mon 12:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:20 Tue 12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:50 Wed-Thu 12:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:20
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (14A) Fri 1:45-5:30-9:15 Sat 2:35-6:15-9:50 Sun 5:30-9:15 Mon 1:45-9:45 Tue 1:45-5:30-9:15 Wed 9:15 Thu 1:45-9:25
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 11:30-3:05-6:45-10:30 Mon 3:05-6:40-10:15 Tue 11:30-3:05-6:45-10:30 Wed-Thu 3:05-6:40-10:15
Jack Reacher (PG) Fri 1:50-4:50-7:50-11 Sat 1:55-4:50-7:50-11 Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:45 Mon 1-4-7-10 Tue 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:45 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:45-7:05-10:05
Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:25
The Metropolitan Opera: The Tempest Live (STC) Sat 9:55
Les Misérables (PG) Fri 11:45-12:15-3:45-6:35-7:10-10:35 Sat 10:40-11:45-12:15-3:45-6:35-7:10-10:35 Sun 11:45-2:10-3:45-6:35-7:10-10:35 Mon 12:30-3:45-6:35-7:10-10:30 Tue 11:45-12:15-3:45-6:35-7:10-10:35 Wed 12:30-3:45-6:35-10:30 Thu 12:30-3:45-6-6:35-10:30
National Theatre Live: The Magistrate (STC) Thu 7
Vertigo (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:40-7:10-10:45 Mon 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Tue 12:15-3:40-7:10-10:45 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30

Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre 1181 Seymour Street

Chinese Take-Away (STC) Sat 6:30 Sun 8:45
Gregory Crewdson: Brief Encounters (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 2:30 Sun 5:30 Tue 6:30 Thu 8:15
I Am Not a Rock Star (STC) Fri 8:10 Sat 8:15 Sun 7 Mon 6:30 Tue 8:30 Thu 4:15-6:30
Liverpool (STC) Sat 4
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed

Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatrea 845 Avison Way

The Great Salmon Run 4D Experience (STC) Fri 11:15-12:30-1:45-3-4:15 Sat-Sun 10:45-11:15-11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:15 Mon-Thu 11:15-12:30-1:45-3-4:15

North Shore

Esplanade 6 200 West Esplanade

Django Unchained (14A) , Fri 8:30 , Sat-Sun 12:20-4:30-8:30 , Mon-Thu 8:30
Gangster Squad (14A) , Fri 7-9:40 , Sat-Sun 12:15-4:15-7-9:40 , Mon-Thu 7-9:40
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (14A) , Fri 8:45 , Sat-Sun 12:45-4:45-8:45 , Mon-Thu 8:45
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (14A) , Fri 8 , Sat-Sun 12-4-8 , Mon-Thu 8
Parental Guidance (G) , Fri 6:40-9:20 , Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:20 , Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20
Promised Land (PG) , Fri 6:50 , Sat-Sun 1-6:50 , Mon-Thu 6:50
Texas Chainsaw 3D (18A) , Fri 9:30 , Sat-Sun 3:45-9:30 , Mon-Thu 9:30

Park & Tilford 333 Brooksbank Ave.

Jack Reacher (PG) Fri 7:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:30 Mon-Wed 7:30-10:20 Thu 10:20
Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri 7-9:45 Sat 12-4-7-9:45 Sun 12:20-4-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-10
The Metropolitan Opera: The Tempest Live (STC) Sat 9:55
Les Misérables (PG) Fri 8:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-5-8:30 Mon-Thu 7:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
National Theatre Live: The Magistrate (STC) Thu 7
Skyfall (PG) Fri 7:05-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:05-10:10 Mon-Wed 7-10:05 Thu 7-10:15
This Is 40 (14A) Fri 7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 1-4:05-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri 6:50-10:15 Sat 11:50-3:20-6:50-10:15 Sun 12:10-3:20-6:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:50-10:10

Richmond

SilverCity Riverport 14211 Entertainment Way

Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (G) Fri 1:05-3:45-6:20 Sat 10:30-1:05-3:45-6:20 Sun-Thu 1:05-3:45-6:20
Django Unchained (14A) Fri 12-3:30-7-9-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:40-3:20-7-9-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:20-8:45-10:05
Flushed Away (G) Sat 11
Gangster Squad (14A) Fri-Sat 12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:55 Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:40-10:25
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-8:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:20-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — An IMAX 3D Experience (14A) Fri 12-3:30-7-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:30-3:15-7-10:45 Mon-Thu 1-4:40-8:15
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-5:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 12:55-4:35-8:15
Jack Reacher (PG) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:55 Sun 4:50-7:50-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:20
Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:35 Sat 10:30-1:30-4:25-7:30-10:35 Sun 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:05-4:05-7-10:10
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:45-7:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:15-5:45-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: The Tempest Live (STC) Sat 9:55
Les Misérables (PG) Fri 12-3:20-6:40-8:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:45-3:10-6:35-8:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 12:15-3:40-7:05-8:30-10:30
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Fri 2-4:30-7:05-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:25-7:05-9:35
National Theatre Live: The Magistrate (STC) Thu 7
Parental Guidance (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:20-6:55-9:40
Promised Land (PG) Fri 12:05-2:35-5:15-7:50-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:30-5:15-7:50-10:35 Mon-Wed 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 Thu 4:40-7:30-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 12:50-3:20-5:55 Sat 10:25-12:50-3:20-5:55 Sun 12:50-3:20-5:55 Mon-Thu 1-3:30-5:55
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:25
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:55-7:10-10:30 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:45-7-10:15 Wed 12:25-3:40-10:15 Thu 12:25-3:40-10:30
Texas Chainsaw 3D (18A) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:50 Sun 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:35 Mon-Thu 12:10-2:25-5-7:45-10:15
This Is 40 (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:50 Sun 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Mon-Wed 1-4:10-7:20-10:25 Thu 4:10-7:20-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Vertigo (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Wreck-It Ralph (G) Sat 10:40
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (G) Sat 11:10 Sun 11:15
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri-Sat 12:15-3:40-7:10-10:45 Sun 12:15-3:40-7:10-10:35 Mon-Thu 12:10-3:40-7:05-10:30

Burnaby

Dolphin Cinemas 4555 E. Hastings St.

Django Unchained (14A) Fri 6:30-9:35 Sat-Sun 3:15-6:30-9:35 Mon 6:30-9:35 Tue 3:15-6:30-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:35
Les Misérables (PG) Fri 6:40-9:45 Sat-Sun 3:15-6:40-9:45 Mon 6:40-9:45 Tue 3:15-6:40-9:45 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:45

SilverCity Metropolis 4700 Kingsway Ave.

Django Unchained (14A) Fri-Sat 11:40-3:20-6:55-10:35 Sun 11:40-3:20-6:50-10:25 Mon-Tue 3:20-6:55-10:30 Wed 3:20-7:05-10:30 Thu 3:20-6:55-10:30
Flushed Away (G) Sat 11
Gangster Squad (14A) Fri-Sat 12-2:40-5:20-8:05-10:55 Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (14A) Fri-Sat 11:30-3:05-6:45-10:30 Sun 11:30-3:05-6:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:05-6:45-10:20
Jack Reacher (PG) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:50-7:55-11 Sun 4:20-7:25-10:35 Mon-Tue 1:10-4:05-7-10 Wed 1:10-4:05-10 Thu 1:10-4:05-7-10
Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:30-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 1-3:55-6:50-9:45
Les Misérables (PG) Fri 11:45-3:15-6:40-10:10 Sat 11-3:15-6:40-10:10 Sun 11:45-3:15-6:35-10 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:40-10:05
National Theatre Live: The Magistrate (STC) Thu 7
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 11:35-2:05-4:40 Sat 11:20-2:20-4:40 Sun 11:35-2:05-4:40 Mon-Thu 1:35-4
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sat 12:20-3:35-7-10:20 Sun 12:25-3:35-6:55-10:10 Mon-Tue 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:15 Wed 1-4:05-10:30 Thu 1:05-4:10-10:15
Texas Chainsaw 3D (18A) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:15-5:40-8-10:40 Sun 12:45-3:15-5:40-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:50-7:20-9:55
This Is 40 (14A) Fri-Sat 7:15-10:15 Sun 7:10-10:05 Mon-Wed 6:35-9:40 Thu 7:15-10:25
Vertigo (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri-Sat 12:15-3:40-7:10-10:45 Sun 12:15-3:40-7:05-10:35 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:05-10:25

New West/ Coquitlam

SilverCity Coquitlam 170 Schoolhouse Street

Django Unchained (14A) Fri-Sun 11:40-3:20-7-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:55-7-10:40 Fri-Sun 1:45-5:30-9:30 Mon 5:30-9:15 Tue 1:45-5:30-9:15 Wed-Thu 5:30-9:15
Flushed Away (G) Sat 11
Gangster Squad (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:35 Mon 4:30-7:30-10:30 Tue 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:30 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:30 Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:55 Mon-Thu 2:20-5:10-8-10:45
The Guilt Trip (PG) Fri-Thu 9:50
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-5:30-9:15 Thu 3:10-10:40
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 11:25-3-6:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 3-6:50-10:30 Fri-Sun 12:45-5-8:45 Mon 5-8:45 Tue 12:50-5-8:45 Wed 5-8:45
Jack Reacher (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:45-7:50-11 Mon-Tue 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:35 Wed 12:50-3:45-10 Thu 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:35
Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:30-10:25
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Sun 10:20 Mon-Thu 10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: The Tempest Live (STC) Sat 9:55
Les Misérables (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-3:10-6:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:45-6:40-10:10 Fri-Sun 12:15-4-8 Mon 4-8 Tue 12:30-4-8 Wed-Thu 4-8
National Theatre Live: The Magistrate (STC) Thu 7
Parental Guidance (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5:10-7:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:20 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:20
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Tue 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:20 Wed 4:15-7:25-10:20 Thu 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:50-7:15-10:35 Sun 3:50-7:15-10:35 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:25

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This Is 40 (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50 Mon-Tue 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:35 Wed 4:25-7:30-10:35 Thu 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:35
Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Tower (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:40
Vertigo (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Wreck-It Ralph (G) Fri-Sun 11:20
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:40-7:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:15-10:40 Fri-Sun 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15 Mon 3:25-6:50-10:15 Tue 3:15-6:45-10:15 Wed-Thu 3:25-6:50-10:15

Surrey/White Rock/ Langley

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The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (14A) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 12:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

Hollywood 3 Cinema 7125-138th Street, Surrey

Argo (PG) Fri-Thu 4:05
The Guilt Trip (PG) Fri-Thu 8:45
Hotel Transylvania (G) Sat 2:05 Sun 12:15-2:05
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 2:40-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-8:50
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
Wreck-It Ralph (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 6:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:30
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (G) Fri 4:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:40 Mon-Thu 4:40

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Django Unchained (14A) Fri-Sun 11:40-3:20-7-10:40 Mon 3:20-7-10:35 Tue 11:40-3:20-7-10:40 Wed-Thu 3:20-7-10:35
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Gangster Squad (14A) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:50 Mon 12:15-2:45-5:20-8:10-10:45 Tue 12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:50 Wed-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:20-8:10-10:45
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (14A) Fri-Sun 11:25-3-6:45-10:30 Mon 3-6:45-10:30 Tue 11:25-3-6:45-10:30 Wed-Thu 3-6:45-10:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 2-5:30-9:15 Mon 2:30-6-9:45 Tue 2-5:30-9:15 Wed-Thu 2:30-6-9:45
Jack Reacher (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Mon 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:40 Tue 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:40
Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2:30-6:40-9:40 Mon 2:45-6:55-9:55 Tue 2:30-6:40-9:40 Wed-Thu 2:45-6:55-9:55
Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola (G) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-9:45
Les Misérables (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-3:10-6:35-10:05 Mon 3:10-6:35-10:05 Tue 11:45-3:10-6:35-10:05 Wed 6:35-10:05 Thu 3:10-6:35-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Fri-Sun 11:50 Mon 12:15 Tue 11:50 Wed-Thu 12:15
Parental Guidance (G) Fri-Sun 12 Mon 12:15 Tue 12 Wed-Thu 12:15
Saadi Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:05-10
Texas Chainsaw 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45 Mon 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:30 Tue 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:30
This Is 40 (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Wed 4:35-7:40-10:45 Thu 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:40-7:10-10:45

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Django Unchained (14A) , , Fri 3:40-7:15 , , Sat-Sun 12:05-3:40-7:15 , , Mon 7:50 , , Tue 3:40-7:15 , , Wed-Thu 7:50
Gangster Squad (14A) , , Fri 3:10-6:45-9:45 , , Sat-Sun 12:30-3:10-6:45-9:45 , , Mon 5:20-8:30 , , Tue 3:10-6:45-9:45 , , Wed-Thu 5:20-8:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (14A) , Fri 4-7:40 , Sat-Sun 12:25-4-7:40 , Mon 7:40 , Tue 4-7:40 , Wed-Thu 7:40
Jack Reacher (PG) , , Fri 3-6:15-9:15 , ,

Matt Damon co-wrote and stars in Promised Land. HANDOUT

Sat-Sun 11:45-3-6:15-9:15 , , Mon 5:25-8:25 , , Tue 3-6:15-9:15 , , Thu 5:25-8:25
Life of Pi (G) , , Fri-Sun 9 , , Mon 8 , , Tue 9 , , Wed-Thu 8
Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola (G) , , Fri 3:45-6:50 , , Sat-Sun 12:10-3:45-6:50 , , Mon 5:05-8:15 , , Tue 3:45-6:50 , , Wed-Thu 5:05-8:15
Les Misérables (PG) , , Fri 4:05-7:45 , , Sat-Sun 11:50-4:05-7:45 , , Mon 7:45 , , Tue 4:05-7:45 , , Wed-Thu 7:45
One More Try (PG) , , Fri 3:55-7-9:30 , , Sat-Sun 12:20-3:55-7-9:30 , , Mon 5:10-8:20 , , Tue 3:55-7-9:30 , , Wed-Thu 5:10-8:20
Parental Guidance (G) , Fri 2:55-6:20 , Sat-Sun 12:15-2:55-6:20 , Mon 5:30 , Tue 2:55-6:20 , Wed-Thu 5:30
Saadi Love Story (PG) , , Fri 3:30-6:25-9:20 , , Sat-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:25-9:20 , , Mon 5:40-8:35 , , Tue 3:30-6:25-9:20 , , Wed-Thu 5:40-8:35
Texas Chainsaw 3D (18A) , Fri 4:10-7:35-10 , Sat-Sun 12:40-4:10-7:35-10 , Mon 5:35-8:40 , Tue 4:10-7:35-10 , Wed-Thu 5:35-8:40
This Is 40 (14A) , , Fri 3:15-6:30-9:35 , , Sat-Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:35 , , Mon 5-8:10 , , Tue 3:15-6:30-9:35 , , Wed-Thu 5-8:10
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Liquid Assets

Bottles to watch in '13

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This week, I gaze into my crystal goblet to make wine trend predictions for 2013.

Old is new, again: Many of last year's trends will be back in 2013. Look for sweeter reds, semi-sweet white Moscato and mega blends on both the white and red side to continue to dominate.

Malbec is back: Argentina may have the monopoly on the grape, but look for its food friendly personality to invade the shelves of France and non-traditional countries like South Africa.

Aussie Regionality: Down Under will make a play for your palate by focusing attention on its unique regional profiles. Expect McLaren Vale, Yarra Valley, Margaret River and Barossa Valley to take the lead.

Embraceable Iberia: This will be the year for Spain and Portugal. Forget the impossible to pronounce place and grape names; they're all part of the fun.

Oh, Canada: With provinces relaxing interprovincial shipping rules, a bottle from a small winery may be just a mouse click away. Start with Nova Scotia. L'Acadie Vineyards' 2010 Vintage Cuvée ($25.99) is a mouthful of bubbly that, if you close your eyes, will have you thinking you're drinking champagne. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Adding a smoke (salmon) screen to an Italian classic

An unexpected seafood addition.
Manicotti Stuffed with Smoked Salmon and Cheese in a Creamy Tomato Sauce.

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This can be served as a main meal with a side salad or soup, or it can accompany a main dish.

The smoked salmon gives it a sophisticated flair that makes it a good company dish as well as a nutritious family dinner.

You can substitute jumbo pasta shells (8 ounces will yield about 24 shells) for the manicotti, or stuff approximately 12 cannelloni shells.

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Ingredients

- 10 manicotti
- 1 1/4 cups smooth light ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded light cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 oz smoked salmon, chopped
- 1/4 cup finely chopped chives or green onion
- 3 tbsp 2% milk
- 1 egg
- pinch salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups tomato-based pasta sauce
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 cup 2% evaporated milk
- 2 tbsp grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

This recipe serves six. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Spray a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with cooking oil.

2. Cook the manicotti in boiling water according to package instructions, or until firm to the bite, approximately 10 minutes. Drain, cover and set aside.

3. Combine the ricotta, cheddar and Parmesan cheeses in a medium mixing bowl. Add the smoked salmon, chives, 3 tbsp milk, egg, salt and pepper. Mix until well combined. Slit the manicotti along one side and open like a book. Divide the cheese mixture among the manicotti. Close the manicotti around the stuffing.

4. Combine the tomato sauce, basil and 1/2 cup milk in a small bowl and mix until smooth. Pour half the mixture in the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Place the stuffed manicotti in the baking dish and pour the remaining sauce over the pasta. Sprinkle with the mozzarella cheese.

5. Cover and bake for 15 minutes, or until hot through. Garnish with the chopped fresh basil before serving.

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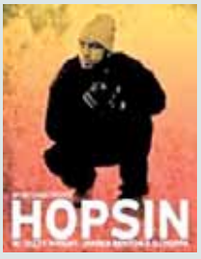

Worth a listen: Hopsin

In town straight from Los Angeles is the multi-talented Hopsin for one night only (Saturday starting at 8 p.m.). Having headlined more than 60 shows locally and internationally alone, Hopsin is one of hip-hop's most up and coming acts with a style similar to wave-maker Eminem. Tickets are $25 for this 19 plus event. The Rickshaw Theatre, 254 E. Hastings St. unionevents.com.

Recently Opened: TWB – The Wine Bar

Having quietly opened in late December, TWB has recently (and officially) announced full service at its newly-designed 30-plus seat Yaletown wine bar on the water. Oenophiles can rejoice at the fact that 50 wines are sold by the glass with a dozen different wines on tap. In addition, reserve list wines are also available (order it by the glass and simply pay 20 per cent of the bottle price). TWB also offers a menu filled with Mediterranean/French tapas treats that are sure to satiate with full meals also available. 1167 Marinaside Cres. thewinebar.ca.

YYoga Free Workshops benefit

If ever there was a reason to try your hand at yoga, this Sunday's day-long (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) series of free workshops is definitely it. Locally owned and operated YYoga and Tonic Lifestyle Apparel are aiming to connect with the community for a great cause: supporting BC Children's Hospital through collected donations. Grab a mat and head out to catch one of five different sessions with various yogis. Register in advance, suggested donation is $10, minimum. Jan. 13. yyoga.ca.

Now open: Finch's

After much anticipation (and a few construction setbacks as per the nature of this business), Vancouver's beloved ultimate lunch destination, Finch's, has opened up their second location. Find this new cafe in the Strathcona neighbourhood with an expanded selection of offerings. A new market-style concept features all the usual, delectable fixings and plenty of artisan foods to go, such as local organic produce, baked goods and ice cream. Pick up all of these goodies and more — that is if you've still got room after chowing-down on one of their signature baguette sandwiches. 501 E. Georgia St. finchteahouse.com.

Shop Local Monthly Market

On the second Sunday of every month, this local market sets up shop for a full day (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) of inspired shopping in support of local designers, small businesses and musicians. It's free admission and hosted by Artech Gallery. The market features a rotation of different vendors in a unique culture crawl meets farmers market/craft fair way. Sunday at the Artech Gallery, 336 E. 1st Ave).

Coming Up: Taste BC

Mark your calendar and buy your ticket to attend this year's wine-minded event. Each year (for the past 19 years), locally-owned Liberty Wine Merchant Company has hosted this outstanding fundraising event that benefits the Oak Tree Clinic at BC Children's Hospital. This 19th annual celebration of food and wine pits B.C.'s best beer and wine producers alongside fine foods and artisanal tastes. Live music, prizes and a silent auction help to round out the night. Tuesday at Pan Pacific Hotel – 999 Canada Place. Tickets start at $49.99 and are available at tastebc.wordpress.com.

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Training camp

Rumours continue to swirl around Luongo

Roberto Luongo, one-half of the Vancouver Canucks goaltending duo — at least for now — is in the city and expected to be at training camp when it opens Sunday.

"He's a member of our organization, he's an important member of our organization and like every other player under contract to us, he will be in camp," Canucks assistant general manager and VP of hockey operations Laurence Gilman told the Team 1040 radio station Thursday.

Luongo could also skate with his teammates Friday at UBC.

It's a good chance that a large crush of media will also be in attendance, considering the ongoing trade rumours surrounding Luongo.

The buzz is that Luongo will likely be traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs once members of the NHL Players' Association ratify the tentative agreement with the NHL owners that ended the lockout last Sunday.

Dave Nonis — named the Leafs' new general manager Wednesday morning after Brian Burke was fired — was the GM in Vancouver when the Canucks acquired Luongo in June of 2006. Wednesday night, talk appeared on Twitter that the Philadelphia Flyers were also interested in Luongo. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Roberto Luongo GETTY IMAGES FILE

Booth responds to bear brouhaha

NHL. Canucks forward owns up to controversial hunting tweets

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Vancouver Canucks winger David Booth worked on his shooting this lockout-lengthened off-season, and worked on his accuracy on the ice as well.

He also managed to stir up his fair share of controversy.

Booth, 28, was shrouded in controversy this past spring when he tweeted a photo of a black bear he bagged on a hunting trip in Alberta not long after the Canucks were ousted from the Stanley Cup playoffs in the first round.

In addition to the photo of Booth, four friends and the lifeless bear, he tweeted: "Just killed a Chara sized bruin! 7ft black bear- 21in skull."

Part of the public uproar had to do with the fact Booth used a technique called bear baiting, which is legal in Alberta but against the law in 18 of 29 U.S. states that allow bear hunting, according to the Humane Society of the U.S.

On Thursday, Booth answered to the storm his hunting tweets created.

"My Twitter is just my personal life. I guess that's what fans want to know," he told reporters.

"Some people support it, some people don't. Sorry for the people I offended; that's something that wasn't intended. I'm just really passionate about it and that's something I enjoy doing.

"I toned it down a little bit, believe it or not."

In addition to his outdoor adventures, he talked a little hockey, too.

Booth returns to Vancouver for his first full regular season, albeit an abbreviated version, due to the lockout.

The Canucks acquired him in a trade with the Florida Panthers in October of 2011, but he struggled offensively at various times, with only one goal in his final 16 games, including five playoff contests.

He was also sidelined for almost six weeks from Dec. 6 to Jan. 15 after taking a knee-on-knee hit from Colorado Avalanche centre Kevin Porter.

One could argue that the ensuing MCL sprain may have disrupted any momentum the winger was picking up nearly two months into his tenure.

"I think I've gone to two extremes in hockey markets, from Florida to here," said Booth.

"And that's alright. I'm excited for it and I'm glad I'm going through this. This is something that develops your character a little bit."

Canucks forward David Booth caused a stir this past off-season when he tweeted pics of a bear hunt in Alberta.
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"Sorry for the people I offended; that's something that wasn't intended. I'm just really passionate about it."

Canucks forward David Booth

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NFL. Study says Seau had brain disease when he committed suicide

When he ended his life last year by shooting himself in the chest, Junior Seau had a degenerative brain disease often linked with repeated blows to the head.

Researchers from the National Institutes of Health said Thursday that the former NFL star's abnormalities are consistent with chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE.

The hard-hitting linebacker played for 20 NFL seasons with San Diego, Miami and New England before retiring in 2009. He died at 43 of a self-inflicted gunshot in May, and his family requested the analysis of his brain.

"It was important to us to get to the bottom of this, the truth," his ex-wife, Gina Seau, said. "And now that it has been conclusively determined from every expert that he had obviously had CTE, we just hope it is taken more seriously."

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Lawsuits

The NFL faces lawsuits by thousands of former players who say the league withheld information on the harmful effects of concussions.

NFL

No hometown love for Tebow

Tim Tebow won't be playing for his hometown team.

The Jacksonville Jaguars made it clear on Thursday that they have no plans to pursue the popular and polarizing New York Jets backup quarterback.

The Jets are likely to release the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and Jacksonville native during the off-season.

"I can't imagine a scenario in which he'll be a Jacksonville Jaguar — even if he's released," new general manager David Caldwell said at his introductory news conference.

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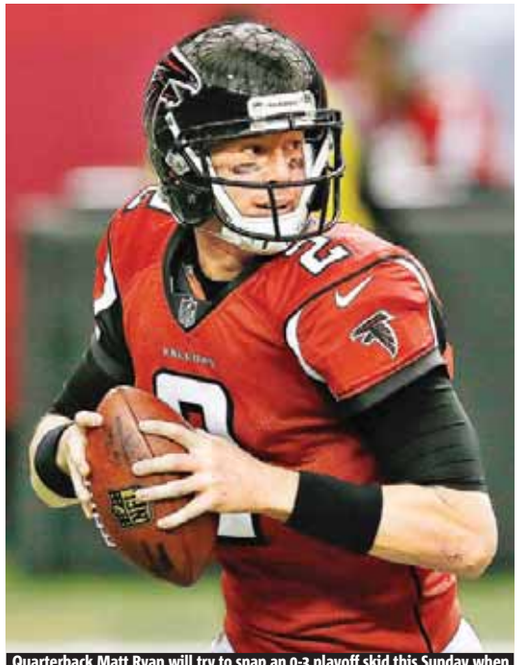
Falcons look to break spell of playoff disappointment



Quarterback Matt Ryan will try to snap an 0-3 playoff skid this Sunday when his Falcons take on the Seattle Seahawks in Atlanta. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

NFL. With a 0-3 streak in playoffs, Atlanta looks to shed losing ways vs. Seahawks

It's 2010 all over again for the Atlanta Falcons.

Just like two seasons back, the Falcons finished 13-3 in the regular season. Once again, they have the top seed and home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs.

This time, they vow they're mature enough to make the most of the opportunity.

The Falcons will try to end their recent trend of first-game post-season exits on Sunday when they play the streaking Seattle Seahawks in the divisional playoffs. The Falcons had a first-round bye last week while rookie quarterback Russell Wilson led Seattle to a 24-14 comeback win at the Washington Redskins.

The Seahawks (12-5) bring a six-game winning streak to Atlanta.

The Falcons had never managed back-to-back winning seasons before a new era began in 2008 with general manager Thomas Dimitroff, coach Mike Smith and quarterback Matt Ryan. Atlanta has five straight winning records and four playoff seasons, including three straight.

So far, all the regular-season success has led only to post-season disappointment. Smith and Ryan are 0-3 in the post-season, including a home loss to Green Bay in 2010 and an ugly 24-2 loss at the Giants last year.

The Falcons say they've learned from the playoff defeats and are better prepared this year.

"We've been here in the past before and now we're more mature," said safety Thomas DeCoud. "We know what we can and cannot do."

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"My expectations are very high."

Rookie Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, who has outlasted other top freshman Robert Griffin III and Andrew Luck.

Texans, Pats try to forget last meeting

NFL. Neither team wants to talk about New England's 42-14 rout of Houston

Vince Wilfork was a champion as a rookie with the New England Patriots. So, he wondered, how hard could it be to win the Super Bowl every year?

After the past seven seasons without another title, he has his answer.

"Winning one early in my career, you kind of get the sense that it happens like this all the time, but it doesn't," the defensive tackle said. "It's very, very hard to win at this level, at any level."

His college teammate at Miami, Andre Johnson, never reached the playoffs in his first eight seasons with the Houston Texans. He finally got there last year. On Sunday, he faces Wilfork and the Patriots in a divisional-round game.

"It means a lot," the wide receiver said. "It makes you appreciate all the tough times you went through to get to this point."

The Patriots (12-4) have a rich tradition of three titles in four years before the current championship drought. They won nine of their last 10 games, are coming off a bye and are heavily favoured, having routed Houston 42-14 on Dec. 10.

Texans defensive end J.J. Watt GETTY IMAGES

The Texans (13-4) have a poor history with just two post-season wins in 11 years of existence. They lost three of their last four regular-season games, then edged the Cincinnati Bengals 19-13 last Saturday in the wild-card round.

Those differences aside, both teams are hungry to keep the season going — all the way to a Super Bowl triumph.

The past — that 28-point romp last month — has no bearing on the rematch, coaches and players from both teams insist.

Texans defensive end J.J. Watt is tired of all the talk about that beating his team took.

"Obviously, we didn't play good last time we were up there," he said. "I don't think we need to keep rehashing it. I think we just need to play our style of football."

Brady's next post-season win will be his 17th, breaking a tie with Joe Montana for the most by any quarterback. He'll get a boost from having tight ends Rob Gronkowski, sidelined for the first game against Houston, and Aaron Hernandez on the field together for only the sixth time this season after both dealt with injuries.

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"I think it's a bunch of garbage. The game will have its own elements and it will write its own story." **Patriots coach Bill Belichick** on the significance of the Patriots' decisive win over the Texans in December.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	23	10	.697	Ñ
d-New York	23	12	.657	1
d-Indiana	22	14	.611	2½
Atlanta	20	14	.588	3½
Chicago	19	14	.576	4
Brooklyn	20	15	.571	4
Milwaukee	18	16	.529	5½
Boston	18	17	.514	6
Philadelphia	15	22	.405	10
Toronto	13	22	.371	11
Detroit	13	23	.361	11½
Orlando	12	23	.343	12
Charlotte	9	25	.265	14½
Cleveland	9	28	.243	16
Washington	5	28	.152	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-L.A. Clippers	28	8	.778	Ñ
d-Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	½
d-San Antonio	28	10	.737	1
Memphis	23	10	.697	3½
Golden State	22	12	.647	5
Houston	21	15	.583	7
Denver	21	16	.568	7½
Portland	19	15	.559	8
Utah	19	18	.514	9½
Minnesota	16	16	.500	10
L.A. Lakers	15	20	.429	12½
Sacramento	13	22	.371	14½
Dallas	13	23	.361	15
Phoenix	12	25	.324	16½
New Orleans	10	25	.286	17½

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Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
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Hamilton at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Worcester, 7:30 p.m.
Norfolk at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Lake Erie at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
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NFC — Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Sunday's games
NFC — Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
AFC — Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m.
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 20
AFC and NFC (Dates and Times TBD)
SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 3 — At New Orleans, La.
AFC vs. NFC champions, 6 p.m.

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Second Leg
Thursday's results
Atletico Madrid 0, Getafe 0, Atletico Madrid advances on 3-0 aggregate
Barcelona 5, Cordoba 0, Barcelona advances on 7-0 aggregate
Real Betis 1, Las Palmas 0, Real Betis advances on 2-1 aggregate

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR HEINEKEN OPEN

At Auckland, New Zealand
Thursday's results
Singles
Quarter-finals
Philipp Kohlschreiber (2), Germany, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Sam Querrey (4), United States, def. **Jesse Levine, Canada**, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-1.
Gael Monfils, France, def. Tommy Haas (3), Germany, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Doubles
Quarter-finals
Colin Fleming, Britain, and Bruno Soares (1), Brazil, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, and Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-3, 6-4.
Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, def. Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, and Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Michal Mertinak, Slovakia, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, and Frank Moser, Germany, walkover.

APIA INTERNATIONAL

At Sydney, Australia
(seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles
Quarter-finals
Andreas Seppi (3), Italy, def. Marcel Granollers (8), Spain, 6-4, 7-5.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 6-4, 6-2.
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-4, 6-3.
Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-2.
Women's Singles
Semifinals
Agnieszka Radwanska (1), Poland, def. Li Na (4), China, 6-3, 6-4.
Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, def. Angelique Kerber (2), Germany, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Men's Doubles
Quarter-finals
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Horia Tecau (4), Romania, def. Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and **Daniel Nestor, Canada**, 6-3, 6-4.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Today's new moon urges you to make the most of an opportunity of some kind. Being the ambitious sort you want to move up in the world, so let the powers that be know what you can do — by doing it.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
At some stage today, you will realize that life is both more complicated and more simple than you have up until now imagined. What matters though is that you are thinking for yourself. So few people ever do.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The new moon will give you a pointer as to what you should be doing and who you should be doing it with. It also suggests that you could make some serious money, but only as part of a team.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You can now see with the utmost clarity what needs to be done to restore a relationship to its former glory. Don't let what went before get in the way of what needs to be done right now.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You run the risk of getting bogged down by details that could and should be left until another day, if not ignored altogether. Focus on essentials only, such as getting ahead in your career and making a fortune.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is nothing you cannot do if you put your mind to it. Today's new moon in Capricorn will give you the confidence you need to embark on a new adventure, something you have wanted to do for years.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Use whatever information comes your way today to your advantage. Most likely you will learn something about a social rival or work associate that they don't want you to know. At last you've got some leverage!

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The more you talk things through with partners and colleagues today, the more they and you will understand that your interests are one and the same. Communication is the key to success — and lasting friendship.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Follow your instincts today, especially where money matters and business deals are concerned. No matter what the facts and figures may say if you sense that something is not quite right you must hold back.

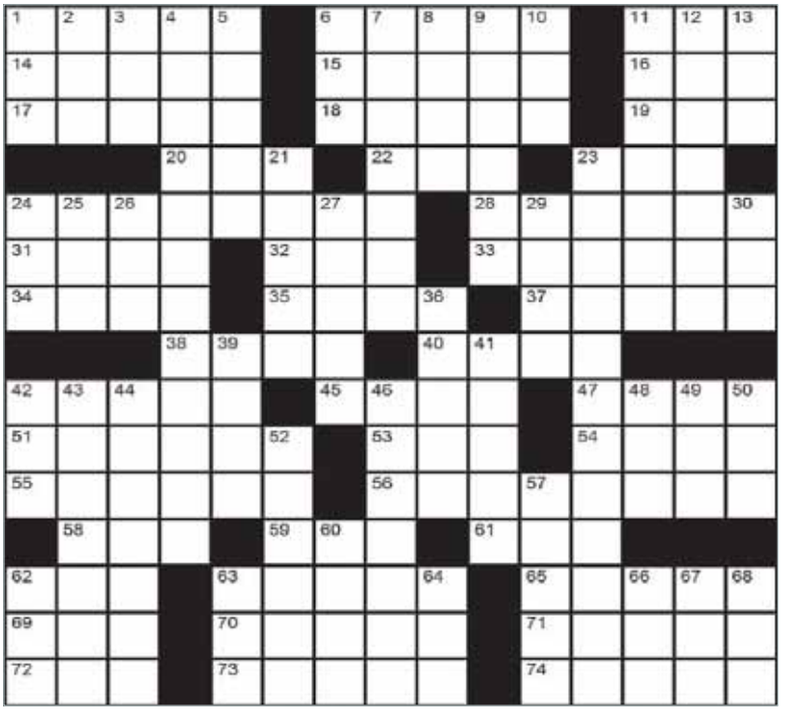
Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
What would you do if you knew you could not fail? So why are you not doing it now? A new moon in your sign makes this the ideal day to follow your dream, no matter how outrageous it may be.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What you need to convince yourself of today is that your fear is based on an illusion caused by your determination to always seem to be in control. Let fate guide you over the next 24 hours. You'll enjoy the results.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's new moon suggests you are about to make new friends, and what these new friends have to tell you will get you thinking in interesting ways. You don't know it all – at least not yet. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

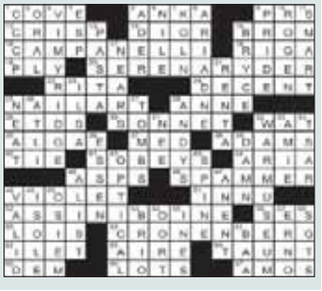
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. "Gangster __" (2013), new movie starring #46-Down
6. Prince William's sister-in-law
11. Mr. DiCaprio, to pals
14. "FairyTale: _ __ Story" (1997)
15. "_ __ business!"
16. __ Darya (Asian river)
17. Canadian rock group
18. Wheat type
19. Where, in Latin
20. Pull
22. Intro-to-nickname letters
23. Monk's title
24. To Ontario's left on a map, The __
28. Doves
31. Country's Brooks & __
32. "__. Doubtfire" (1993)
33. "Aha!"
34. On
35. Thompson Twins tune
37. Gumption
38. Ear-related
40. Opposing
42. Madeleine of ABC's "Revenge"
45. Prefix to 'culture'
47. Film set job
51. Lay things __: 2 wds.
53. Acorned tree
54. Comfy spot
55. Ancient military city
56. The __ Channel
58. Elevs.
59. Singer Mr. Bachman
61. Pres. Ford's Vice-Pres.
62. Universal ideal
63. Mr. B. DeMille
65. Burlesque Queen, Dita Von __
69. Bering, e.g.
70. Air conditioners company
71. Debated topic
72. "Gangnam Style" guy
73. Hippie's salute
74. Piano legend Mr. Peterson

Down
1. Tree treat
2. CFL game period, for short
3. Spoonbender Mr. Geller
4. Mike Myers character: 2 wds.
5. Take†exception to
6. TV's Magnum, et al.
7. Deadlock
8. Glance
9. Buckingham __
10. Picnic invader
11. Prime Minister Harper's wife
12. Begins a cruise
13. Montreal affirmative
21. John Rhys-Davies' part in 'Lord of the Rings' flicks
23. Association the Golden Globe Awards, The Hollywood __: 2 wds.
24. Celeb couple's caught-by-paps moment
25. Groove
26. Year: Spanish
27. Susan's role from "All My Children"
29. Dethrone
30. Freelancer's encl. to an editor
36. Ms. McLachlan
39. Check
41. Camera company
42. Roads, for short
43. Magicians' costumes parts: 2 wds.
44. Speech-giver's skill
46. Canadian actor Ryan
48. Louis XIV, par exemple
49. Lithium-__ battery
50. Canada Post delivery, e.g.
52. McCain tidbits, Tasti __
57. "__ Lanterns" by Kim Mitchell
60. Health food berry
62. Cup o' Earl Grey stirrer
63. CBC rival
64. "Dancing with the Stars" judge Mr. Goodman
66. Computer keyboard key
67. "Dalla __ Pace": Aria in Mozart opera Don Giovanni
68. Suffix with 'Musket'

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	6				7			
9			6	8		3	2	
8		5					1	
	7	4		1				
			9		4			
				6		4	3	
	8					5		4
	2	6		3	9			7
			1				6	

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	7	8	3	2	5	9	4
5	3	4	9	6	7	2	1	8
8	9	2	4	1	5	7	3	6
6	7	9	2	4	1	8	5	3
3	1	5	7	8	6	9	4	2
4	2	8	3	5	9	6	7	1
7	4	3	6	9	8	1	2	5
9	5	6	1	2	3	4	8	7
2	8	1	5	7	4	3	6	9

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Puzzle
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Toronto Air + 3 Nights 4-Star from $729
INCLUDES downtown accom near attractions. **UPGRADE** to 5-star accom from $19 per night. **ADD** Kensington Market tour from $36.

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